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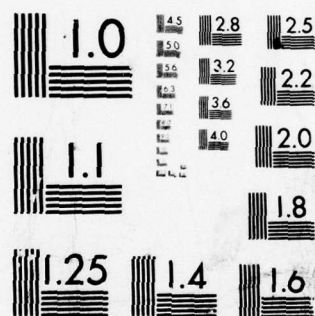


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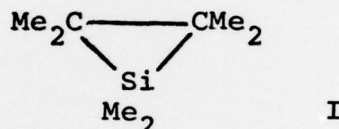
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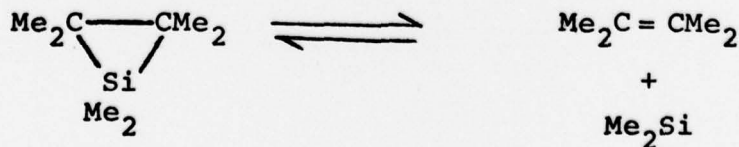
B. Research Accomplishments

1) Silacyclopropanes and Silacyclopropenes

The first silacyclopropanes to be reported were prepared during the previous AFOSR Grant (AF-AFOSR-72-2204). During the present Grant period the chemistry of one of these, hexamethylsilacyclopropane,

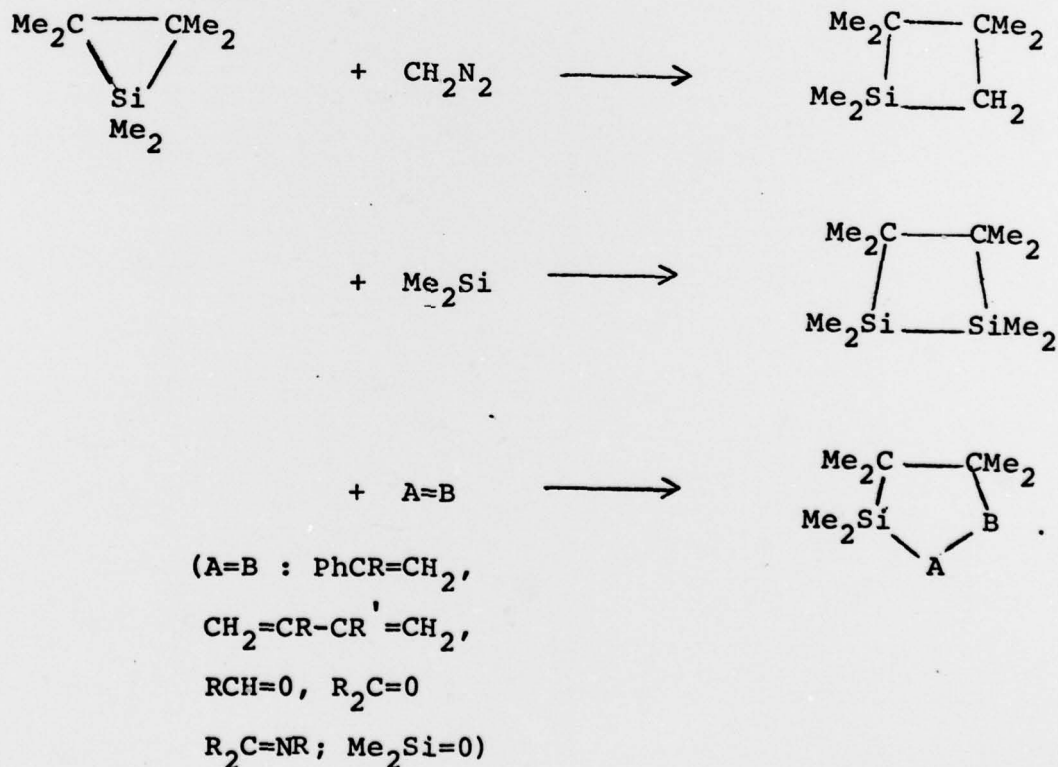


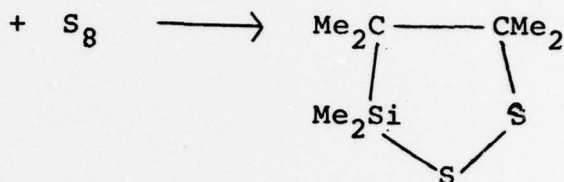
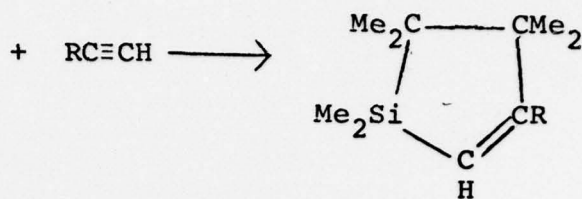
was developed in some detail. Because of its high ring strain (the C-Si-C bond angle in the SiC_2 cycle is $\sim 49^\circ$), this compound is hyper-reactive. Many reagents attack the SiC_2 ring of I under mild conditions, often exothermally, which do not react with the Si-C bonds of unstrained silacarbycles. Such attack generally results in ring cleavage or ring enlargement processes. Also of interest is the thermal decomposition of I under exceptionally mild conditions (70°C), which occurs reversibly:



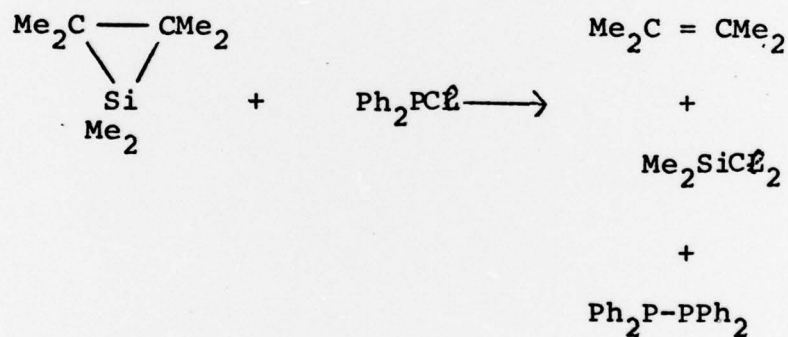
Among the areas of hexamethylsilacyclopropane chemistry which were studied are the following:

- a) Its use as a source of dimethylsilylene under exceptionally mild conditions.
- b) Insertions into its SiC_2 ring: diazomethane, dimethylsilylene, "two-atom" insertions of activated olefins, 1,3-dienes, terminal acetylenes, aldehydes and ketones, imines, dimethylsilanone, elemental sulfur.

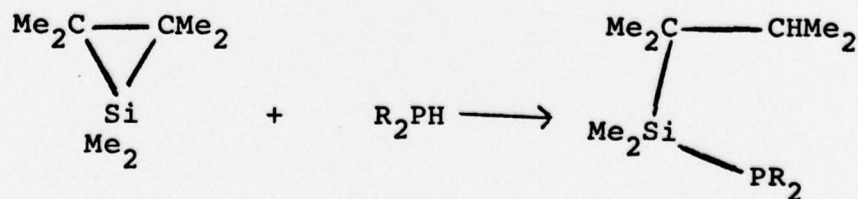




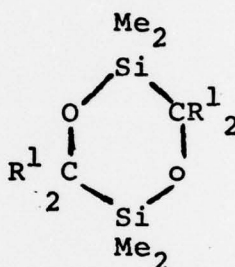
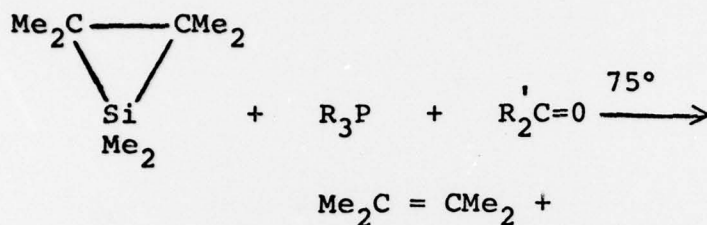
c) fragmentation reactions with chlorophosphines, e.g.,



d) ring-opening reactions with primary and secondary phosphines and a mercaptan, e.g.,

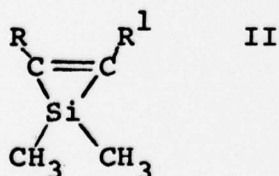


e) its use in the generation of $R_3P^+ - \bar{Si}Me_2$:



R_3P is recovered but is involved as the $R_3P^+ - \bar{Si}Me_2$ intermediate.

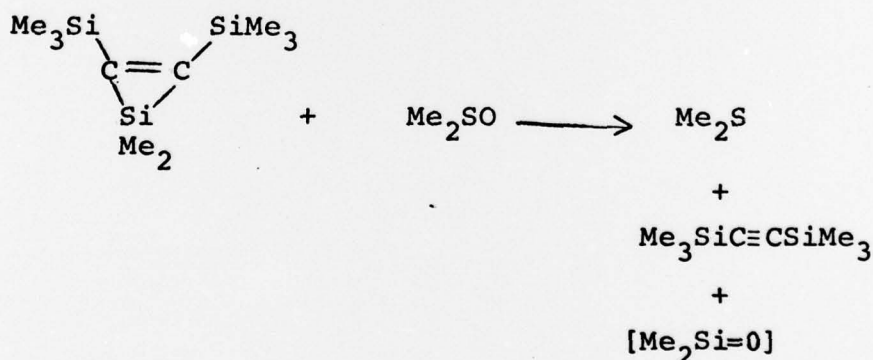
Among the more interesting of the Me_2Si transfer reactions of I are those to olefins. When the right olefins were used, these reactions gave the first silacyclopropenes ever to be isolated and characterized, compounds IIa-IIe.



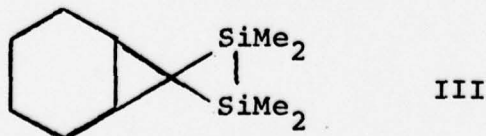
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a	Me_3Si	Me_3Si
b	Me_3Si	Me_3C
c	Me_3Si	CH_3
d	Me_3C	CH_3
e	Me_2HSi	Me_2HSi

Noteworthy is the unexpectedly high thermal stability and the exceptionally high reactivity of these compounds. Our attention was focussed on the chemistry of IIa. This compound is much more stable than I but at the same time is much more reactive. Among the reactions of IIa which were studied are the following:

- a) ring-opening by alcohols and water
- b) insertion reactions into its SiC_2 ring: dimethyl-silylene, "two-atom" insertion reactions of activated olefins, 1,2-dienes, terminal acetylenes, aldehydes and ketones, dimethylsilanone.
- c) Oxidation under very mild conditions by Me_2SO to give $\text{Me}_2\text{Si=O}$ as a trappable intermediate:



During the course of these studies the first disilacyclopropane, III, was generated in solution.



The silacyclopropanes and silacyclopropenes which were prepared during the course of our studies are the most reactive of all organosilicon compounds which have only Si-C bonds, and they show a particularly rich chemistry because of this. The starting materials to the silacyclopropane system are easily prepared and the ring is easily closed, so they are viable intermediates in organosilicon syntheses.

2) Halogenated Organometallics

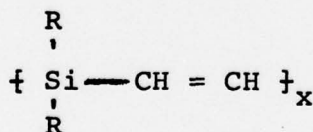
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1) Reactions of gem-dichloroallyllithium with element halides

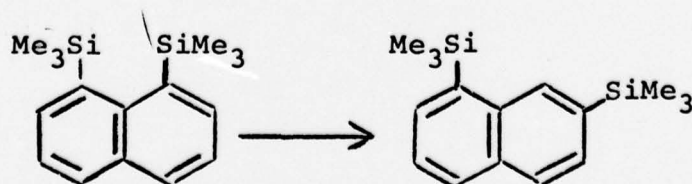
2) Synthesis of α -bromovinylsilanes

3) Miscellaneous

1) Attempted synthesis of 1,2-dilithioethylene. This was unsuccessful, but interesting chemistry. It was aimed at the production of silicon-containing polymers with potentially reactive C=C bonds of type



2) Synthesis and isomerization of 1,8-bis(tri-methylsilyl) naphthalene:



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McGill University
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North Texas State University
32nd Southwest Regional ACS Meeting (Fort Worth)
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Vanderbilt University
International Symposium on Strained Rings (SUNY Binghamton)
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Paul Sabatier Univ. (Toulouse)
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University of Marseille
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- c) J.L. Carrico Lecturer, North Texas State University
- d) Lyman Wood Memorial Lecturer, St. Louis University
- e) Plenary lecturer at International Symposium on
the Chemistry of Strained Rings, Ninth Caribbean
Chemical Conference, Group d'Etudes de Chimie
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